CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	File32.jpg
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Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
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Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	08 December 2011
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image on the printout shows a young Asian girl pushing down the front of her bikini bottom with one hand and holding a finger to her nose with the other. The image is intended to convey a sexual invitation and a warning to the viewer to keep the girl's action secret. Images such as this encourage viewers to see even very young children as sexually available and perpetuate the idea that they may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.